Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, December 19th, 1882.

The City Council met last night, there being present Mayor Meredith and Ald. Pritchard, Birrell, Murray, O'Meara, Jones, Taylor, Skinner, Beattie, Ferguson, Higgins, Browne, Buckle, Peel, Boyd, Macbeth, Becher, Hyman, Hunt, Minhinnick, Sharman.

A large number of citizens were present, among them being Messrs. John McClary, J. B. Laing, Jos. Jeffrey, Jas. H. Fraser, John Taylor, John Marshall, T. R. Parker, J. R. Flock, A. E. Pavey, Jas. Watson, J. A. Nelles, H. C. Green and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From a number of ratepayers asking for the establishment of a public free library. No. 1.

From the auctioneers of the city, asking for a revision of the by-law governing their selling on the Market Square. No. 3

From J. W. Cryer, appealing against assessment, and asking a rebate in his taxes.

From J. B. Simpson, Mrs. McKay, T. E. Hall, R. J. Harlett, J. A. Cair, Mary Lawrence, Mary Donnelly, E. C. Christie and H. G. Abbott, to the same effect. No. 1

From John Fleming and M. Fleming, against street watering tax.

On motion of Ald. Pritchard, it was ordered that all parties on the list for street watering rates, west of Ridout street, on Dundas street, be struck off.

From T. Hiscox and others, against assessment for drain on Henry street, as no benefit was derived from the improvement. Struck off.

From John Phillips, resigning his position as Returning Officer. A by-law was read appointing John Fleming Deputy-Returning Officer in place of Mr. Phillips.

It was also moved that the name of Mr. R. Scott be substituted for that of Mr. Glynn.

On the second reading of the by-law Ald. Browne moved that Mr. Gillett's name be submitted for that of Mr. Scott. This was lost, and the by-law was finally passed.

LONDON JUNCTION.

Mayor Meredith then read the resolution passed at the late public meeting in reference to the London Junction Railway running their track along the public streets.

Ald. Hyman moved that the resolution be taken up at a later stage. The suggestion was adopted.

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Hunt reported from this Committee as follows:—(1) That the new by-laws for the government of the Fire Department be recommended to the Council for adoption, and that 100 copies be printed for the use of the Demartment; (2) that the account of James O'Hagan, for seven days as substitute, $9 80, be paid; (3) that the sum of $250 be granted to the Women's Christian Association; (4) that A. Coote be allowed livery license for the balance of the license year upon payment of one-half year's fee.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

On the first clause, Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the fire by-laws be referred to the new Council. Carried.

The report was then passed as amended.

THE WEIGH SCALES CLERK

Ald. Hunt drew the attention of the Council to the lack of the Weigh Scales Clerk to make returns as required by the city by laws.

Ald. Becher moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that a special committee be appointed to investigate the matter, to be composed of the mover and seconder and Ald. Hunt.

Ald. Hyman thought all that No. 3 Committee could do was to sack Mr. Winnet.

Ald. Jones moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Buckle, that His Worship the Mayor notify Mr Winnett to make his returns according to the by-laws. Carried.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Boyd reported from this Committee in favor of the payment of the following accounts:—Commissioner's pay-roll, $140.58; John Kennedy, work at Wellington street bridge, $29. Total, $169.58.

The report was adopted.